

**Unapproved**

**TOWN OF SALEM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
January 4, 2011**

Present: J. Fogarty, K. Lyden (First Selectman), R. McKenney, and R. Ross  
Absent: R. Asafaylo

Guests: See attached.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

First Selectman K. Lyden:

- Called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, and
- Led the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:           DECEMBER 7, 2010 - MEETING**

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to approve the December 7, 2010 Salem Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes amended as follows:

Page 2 - in the last paragraph, in the second, third and fourth sentences: correct the spelling of the word *currant* to "current".

Page 3 - under *C. Discuss Implementation of Vision Statement*, in the last sentence of the second paragraph: change ..... *Board of Selectman.* to "..... Board of Selectmen."

Page 3 - under *D. Municipal Land Use Presentation*, in the second and third paragraphs: correct the spelling of the word *currant* to "current".

Vote: For approval - Fogarty, Lyden, and Ross. For denial - no one. Abstaining - McKenney.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2) CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no *CORRESPONDENCE* this evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- P. Sielman: requesting that the 1/19/11 Special Town Meeting be a Virtual Town meeting and held at the Salem School to be webcast.
- G. Jackson: all meetings of the Town of Salem should begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and a non-denominational prayer.
- A. Secori: when will the petition filed with the Town Clerk on 12/26/10 be addressed? (Board response: it will be addressed this evening.)

- TJ Butcher & E. Chmielewski: as chairs of the Democratic Town Committee and the Republican Town Committee, respectively, stated that they support the right of all citizens as to whether or not to say the Pledge of Allegiance; all Boards and Commissions should decide whether or not it will be said at their meetings.
- L. Cole-Chu: as President of the Unsung Heroes Committee, requested that the Board of Selectmen, as they have done in the past, present commendations to the latest Unsung Hero recipients at the dinner for them on January 30, 2011.

### 3) **AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:**

M/S/C (Fogarty/Ross) to add the following to tonight's agenda:

As "F) RESOLUTION FOR CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT", and

As "G) ENDORSEMENT THAT THE JANUARY 19, 2011 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BE A VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING AND HELD AT THE SALEM SCHOOL TO BE WEBCAST".

Vote: approved unanimously.

### 4) **AGENDA:**

#### A) **PER TOWN ATTORNEY: REVIEW AND ADJUST THE CALL OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19, 2011**

K. Lyden read the revised Call of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2011. (See attached to the filed copy of these minutes.)

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to approve the revised Call of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2011 as read by K. Lyden, First Selectman. Vote: approved unanimously

#### B) **RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS REQUIRED BY ROBINSON & COLE, (TOWN'S BOND COUNSEL)**

(See copy of resolution attached to the filed copy of these minutes.)

M/S/C (Fogarty/Ross):

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$6,200,000 For The Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Renovations And Improvements To Salem School And Authorizing The Issuance of \$6,200,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby recommended for approval by the electors and citizens qualified to vote at referendum.

Vote: approved unanimously.

**C) RESOLUTION - CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK FROM SALEM SCHOOL TO SALEM LIBRARY**

K. Lyden stated that this resolution is a formality for federal funding.

M/S/C (Lyden/Ross):

WHEREAS, the Town of Salem has published a legal notice display ad, mailed a news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a formal letter to abutting property owners announcing a public informational meeting on the proposed Transportation project known as Sidewalk Improvements on Hartford Road (Route 85); and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on December 14, 2010 at the Salem Town Office Building from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at which meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments has selected this project as a regional priority to utilize federal funds for right-of-way, preliminary engineering and construction activities; and

WHEREAS, the Salem Board of Selectmen has considered the concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the proposed Sidewalk Improvements on Hartford Road (Route 85) is in the best interest of the Town of Salem, and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public.

WHEREAS, the Town of Salem, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed project.

Vote: approved unanimously.

**D) CHANGE TO 2011 BOS MEETING DATES (approved 12/07/10)**

The BOS Meeting Dates approved on 12/07/10 stated that the November 2011 BOS meeting was scheduled for November 8, 2011. November 8<sup>th</sup> will be Election Day for 2011 as it is the first Tuesday after the first Monday (November 7<sup>th</sup>) for 2011.

The date for the November BOS meeting should be changed to November 1<sup>st</sup>.

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to approve the revised 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates as presented. Vote: approved unanimously.

**E) TAX COLLECTOR REFUNDS**

There were no *TAX COLLECTOR REFUNDS* received for this meeting.

**F) RESOLUTION FOR CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney):

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4-66g, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Salem, Connecticut make an application to the State for \$150,000.00 in order to undertake the construction of a community pavilion and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Salem Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the State Assistance imposed by 4-66g - Small Town Economic Assistance Program.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Salem, Connecticut in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 is hereby approved and that First Selectman Kevin T. Lyden is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Salem, Connecticut.

Vote: approved unanimously.

**G) ENDORSEMENT THAT THE JANUARY 19, 2011 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BE A VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING AND HELD AT THE SALEM SCHOOL TO BE WEBCAST**

M/S/C (Fogarty/Ross) that the January 19, 2011 Special Town Meeting be a Virtual Town Meeting and held at the Salem School to be webcast. Vote: approved unanimously.

**5) REPORTS:**

- A) **FIRST SELECTMAN** - K. Lyden: working on bonding for the school renovation; looks good for financing; bids for projects are currently coming in lower than before; in regard to the Resident Trooper's Public Safety Report, the 95% increase in citations were not given to people just driving through Salem; they were given to Salem residents.  
R. Ross stated that he was the Acting First Selectman for the two (2) weeks K. Lyden was away in December and wanted to thank Public Works for the great job done during the snowstorm and the fire departments and G. Maiorano for their help during the power outages during the storm.
- B) **PUBLIC WORKS** - D. Bourdeau: the Public Works did a terrific job plowing.
- C) **BUILDING DEPARTMENT** - no report.
- D) **SALEM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE** - Special Town Meeting 1/19/11 to be adjourned to a referendum on 1/26/11 for bonding for the renovations.

- E) **BOARD OF EDUCATION** - R. McKenney: the Board does not meet until next week; in December, they worked on the Budget.
- F) **BOARD OF FINANCE** - K. Lyden: if there are to be any increases in the budget, good justification will be needed; the BOF has asked that the BOS review Capital (as the BOS did last year) before the BOF sees it.
- G) **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** - heard a presentation in regard to Riparian Buffers; the POC&D presented their current draft; Kobyluck continuing; approved the relocation of the water treatment facility for the Salem Town Center; heard the Vision Committee report.
- H) **INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION** - the Commission consensus is that they will not pursue the matter of using an attorney who specializes in wetlands matters until the need arises; heard the Vision Committee Report.
- I) **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** - no report.
- J) **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** - no applications; no meeting in December.
- K) **RECREATION COMMISSION** - no report.
- L) **PUBLIC SAFETY** - K. Seery, Resident State Trooper, had submitted his report for 2010 (see attached to the filed copy of these minutes).
- M) **TRANSFER STATION** - safety rails will be placed on the dumpsters in about a month.
- N) **LIBRARY BOARD** - J. Fogarty: the Board heard the Vision Statement; stated that he brought up the possibility of using the cupola from the old library on the proposed community pavilion.
- O) **TOWN VISION COMMITTEE** - no report.

#### 6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. Secori: Why can't Plan A for the school renovations also go to referendum as Plan B will?  
(Plan A did not go through the proper channels [legally required endorsements, etc.] and Plan B has.)
- P. Sielman: Those people who believe Plan A should be the plan for the school renovations; what should they do at the Town Meeting?  
(That question can be answered by Attorney Butts at the Town Meeting.)

#### 7) FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

- BOS YEARLY CALENDAR "TICKLER LIST"
- TOWN OFFICE BUILDING COMPUTER NETWORK
- TOWN EVENTS POLICY

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

D. McTigue, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary  
K. Lyden, First Selectman